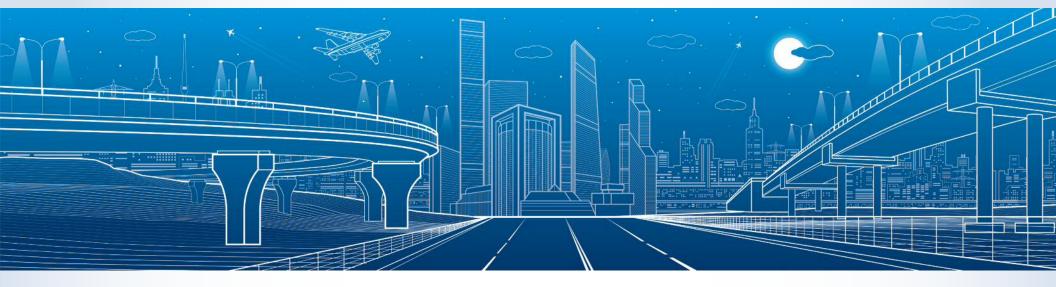
STATE HIGHWAY SYSTEM

Frequently Asked Questions





Who manages it?

The GDOT Office of Transportation Data (OTD) acts as a liaison between GDOT and local governments to manage and update the major highway systems:

- State Highway System (SHS)
- U.S. Highway System
- Highway Functional Classification (FC) System
- National Highway System (NHS)

What are the guidelines?

OTD adheres to the Georgia State Codes for management of the SHS, including:

- O.C.G.A. § 32-4-20 Composition of State Highway System
- O.C.G.A. § 32-4-21 Designation of roads as part of the State Highway System
- O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2 Procedure for Abandonment

How does a local government propose a change?

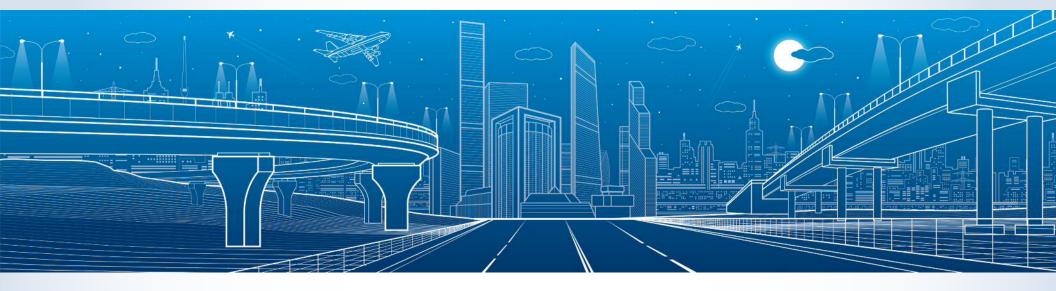
- 1. Local governments send a letter to the GDOT Commissioner proposing a change.
- 2. OTD researches the proposed change and provides a recommendation.
- 3. The Commissioner sends a response to the local government.

Refer to GDOT Policy 3625-1.

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How is a road removed?

GDOT offers the roadway to a local government. If the local government accepts, OTD will send a document for them to sign, stating the local government agrees to adopt the roadway for ownership and maintenance. GDOT's Commissioner executes the Order of the Commissioner, officially removing the roadway from the SHS. GDOT has the option of maintaining or abandoning roadways per O.C.G.A. § 32-7-2.

What are the different types of SHS revisions?

SHS revisions include:

- Removing a State Route in Common
- Redesignation of a State Route
- State Route Addition
- State Route Obliteration
- Adding a State Route in Common
- Intersection Improvements
- State Route Removal or Abandonment
- Local Roadway(s) Transferred to the SHS

What are some key dates and facts about the Georgia SHS?

Here are some key dates and facts:

- Longest State Route: State Route 11 (377.6 miles)
- Longest Interstate: I-75 (354.7 miles)
- Longest U.S. Route: US-23 (395.8 miles)
- 1926—The first U.S. Routes were designated in Georgia.
- 1977 I-20, I-95, I-75 and I-85 were the first interstates to be completed.